

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KEITH JEROME WRIGHT,
Plaintiff,
v.
IDALBERTO ZALDIVAR-GALVES,
Defendants.

No. 1:24-cv-01029 JLT GSA (PC)

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO OPT OUT OF THE COURT'S POST-
SCREENING EARLY ADR PROGRAM

(ECF No. 22)

DEFENDANTS' OPT OUT MOTION, OR
THEIR REQUEST TO CALENDAR A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, DUE IN
FOURTEEN DAYS

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, has filed this civil rights action seeking relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. This matter has been stayed and referred to the Court's Post-Screening Early ADR Program. See ECF No. 19.

Defendant has filed a request for an extension of time to file a motion to opt out of the Court's Post-Screening Early ADR Program. ECF No. 22. The filing is due today.

In support of the motion, counsel for Defendant states that she has a large caseload which is backlogged, in part, because of time that she took off during the holidays. ECF No. 22-1 at 2-3

1 (Decl. of DAG K-D Matsumura). Counsel also states that she has made best efforts to meet the
2 current deadline. See id. at 2. Finally, counsel avers that she has not attempted to contact
3 Plaintiff because as an incarcerated individual he is not easily available by telephone. Id. Good
4 cause appearing, Defendants' extension request will be granted.

5 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

6 1. Defendants' motion for an extension of time to determine whether they wish to opt out
7 of the Post-Screening Early ADR Program (ECF No. 22) is GRANTED, and

8 2. Within fourteen days from the date of this order, Defendants shall inform the Court
9 whether they wish to opt out of the ADR Program or if they would like to calendar a settlement
10 conference.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: February 10, 2025

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE